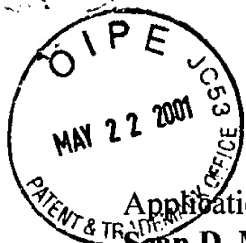


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For: Chelating Systems for Use in the Delivery of Compounds to Cells

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated November 2, 2000. Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 14-19 and amend claims 1, 3, and 6-13 as follows:

1) [A process for delivery of a polymer to a cell, comprising:

- a) associating a chelator with the polymer;
- b) delivering the polymer to the inside of the cell.]

A process for delivering a polymer to a cell, *in vivo*, comprising:

- a) assisting delivery to the cell by electrostatically associating a chelator with the polymer;
- b) delivering the polymer to the inside of the cell; and,
- c) expressing the polymer.

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